

Louis Haass Home
Castroville, Texas.

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LOUIS HAASS HOME
Castroville, Medina County, Texas.

Owner: Louis Mangold, Castroville Texas

Date of Erection: Prior to 1850

Architect: Unknown

Builder: Gustaf Louis Haass

Present Condition: Fair

Number of Stories: One and attic

Materials of Construction: Native limestone, cypress and oak.

Other Existing Records: None

Additional Data:

This house, which is typical of the general architecture of the town of Castroville, is of the Alsatian or French Provincial type. The house contains eight rooms; it was built in sections. The first construction consisted of two rooms divided by a hall, roofed with a pitched roof of about six to twelve pitch. Later two more rooms were added in the rear, covered with a lean-to roof of about two and one half to twelve pitch. The next parts built consisted of two room additions at either end covered with lean-to roofs where continuations of the one in the rear. This gave the house an unusual and most pleasing appearance.

All original windows were of twelve light, double hung, and equipped with louvered shutters. The doors were of the casement or French design, the upper parts of which were divided into four glass panels, and the lower parts in wood panels. On this particular house the front entrance doors were also shuttered.

The construction is of native limestone, stuccoed on the exterior, and plastered on the interior. Flooring is of pine; window and door frames of cypress.

The builder of this house was one of the original Castro colonists and was the founder and later partner in the Laurent Quintle and Haass Mill which was located only a few hundred yards from the Haass home on the Medina river.

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